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Glenelg Manor Farm  
Glenelg  
Private

Circa 1878

Glenelg Manor Farm faces east, south of the Glenelg Country School.

It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story high, hipped roof, fieldstone building with wide brick chimneys inset into its north and south walls and a central rectangular entrance, surmounted by a three light transom and flanked by two four-four light, rectangular, casement windows.

Fenestration is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows on the first floor are decorated with flat stone lintels, while those on the second floor have wooden lintels, characterized by the suggestion of a pediment, very Grecian in character.

The interior features original mantle pieces and interesting double wall construction between the hall and its flanking rooms, indicating construction may have occurred in stages.

The Glenelg Manor Farm is most notable historically as the residence of Dr. William W. Watkins, county delegate to the legislature in 1838 who urged the creation of Howard County, first State Senator from Howard County and first Clerk of the Howard County Court, whose served in that capacity for 25 years. In addition, its significance lies in the field of conservation, serving as the private home of Dale Maisel, one of the directors of the Urban Wildlife Research Center, comprising over 500 acres of land which surrounds this house and is incorporated into a "Wildlife Corridor" with walking and bridal paths.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-238  
Dist. 5

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Glenelg Manor Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Dale Maisel's House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 12789 Folly Qtr. Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☒ OTHER

Conservation

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Z. Maisel

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

12789 Folly Quarter Road

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Md. 21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 22 p. 76  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 347

Folio #: 458

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

# **7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Glenelg Manor Farm      is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile behind the Glenelg Country School.

The building faces south on a gentle slope of land surrounded by about an acre of lawn. It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story high, hipped roof, field stone house with wide brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls, which hold no apertures but a rectangular fourlight, first floor entrance in the east wall. Fenestration is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. The central rectangular, double two-two light entrance is surmounted by a three light transom and flanked by two four-four light, rectangular casement windows, surmounted by flat stone lintels and underlined by projecting wooden sills. The five second floor windows of this facade are rectangular, double-hung, holding six-over-six lights and decorated with wooden lintels, characterized by the suggestion of a pediment, very Grecian in character.

The west elevation holds a first and second floor, six-over-six light window with similar decoration to the others, in the east and west bays of the north wall and a similar central second floor window. Beneath this latter window is a one story high shed roofed semi-enclosed, screened in porch. A cellar door lies under the first floor window in the west bay. Along the corners of the house run vertical self protecting steel beams connected by two heavy horizontal cables which are wrapped around the house. These were added to the building in 1976 when the northeast corner caved in due to excavation beneath the house for a new full basement.

The interior has a fine staircase with simple square tapered spindles, banister and square knewel post, very early in its stylistic detail. The fireplace in the living room or west of the hall is decorated with a row of dentils. A huge supporting beam runs east-west, the width of the living room, while another similar beam (running east-west) is found in the kitchen. North of the building lie barns and other auxiliary buildings, which lie within a tract of over 500 acres of wood land which is incorporated into a "Wildlife Corridor" with walking and bridal paths.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES    circa 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dale Maisel's House, also known as Glenelg Manor Farm is significant historically, architecturally and in the field of Wildlife Research and Conservation.

Historically the Glenelg Manor Farm is located on a number of old tracts which comprise parts of "Altogether" and "The Second Discovery", and Hobbs Lott Enlarged, some 390 acres of land, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Maisel, who bought the property on February 8, 1960 from George and Gertrude Zaiser. This land and premises was aquired on December 4, 1942 (176-493) by Mr. and Mrs. George R. Zaiser from Hannan Loundes who with her husband, W. Bladen Loundes, purchased the property on January 14, 1915 (98-363).

A 1922 tax assessment list for the Loundes Glenelg Manor property lists a Gardeners House for \$2,200. This is believed to be the present Glenelg Manor Farm which is noted on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas as the home of Dr. William W. Watkins, comprising some 320 acres of land. An examination in the Land Records of Howard County reveals that William W. Watson did not own the house. No explanation is found but that he either leased the house or had some sort of private arrangement with his neighbors, the Tysons. William W. Watkins was instrumental in the formation of Howard County as a separate county and served as state senator and later as first clerk of the Howard County Court. The building is notable historically in its association with such an outstanding personage.

Architecturally this building is a fascinating structure which probably began as a one room stone dwelling with loft above. Old foundations on the northwestcorner of the house were found when new foundations, creating a full basement and shelter in place of the log covered with dirt foundation, were being constructed. This discovery, along with the double stone walls between the hall and the north kitchen-den, which are only found on the first floor, would further substantiate the theory of an early one room stone house here, prior to 1878. This would also explain it not appearing on the Martenet Map of 1860, being used as either a tenant house or auxiliary farm building.

By 1878 it was the residence of Dr. William W. Watkins and it is certain  
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that the house stood about that time very much in the present form we see today. It is the residence of a man of taste, which probably was constructed in three stages 1) the early stone, one room building which could date to the eighteenth or early nineteenth century, 2) the addition of the central hall whose staircase is of an early design and its width suggesting a grand design plan on the part of its owners and 3) the south parlor off the central hall which was constructed by the time or during the time of William W. Watkins residence there.

In 1976 the building's foundations were undermined while constructing a full basement and shelter area. This was a 10 year process which involved digging the dirt out from under the floors and constructing fittings and walls under existing walls. After a heavy rain, in 1976, the northwest corner of the building began to collapse and was shored up, cement poured in, and self protecting vertical steel beams placed on the corners of the house with two horizontal steel cords running around the perimeter of the building's walls, between the first and second floors, to hold the building together.

The interior is outstanding, retaining original cross paneled doors, random width floors and a staircase in the central hall of an early nineteenth century design. An outstanding wooden mantle piece featuring flat pilasters and architrave whose cornice is decorated with a row of dentils topped by a mantle shelf is centered on the south wall of the living room.

A heavy 5" x 5" supporting beam for the floor above runs north-south, the width of the room, encased in its wooden frame. Another similar beam, totally exposed, runs north-south, the width of the kitchen-den.

The house has a unity, simplicity and directness, as well as conceptual strength, through its stone construction which is complemented by the gracefulness of its hipped roof and the elegance of its north and south wide brick chimneys. A truly unique building of unusual clarity and charm, Glenelg Manor Farm is one of Howard County's finest landmarks.

In addition to its interesting history and architectural integrity, the building with its surrounding acreage is most significant in the field of conservation as the Urban Wildlife Research Center. It has incorporated some 550 acres of land into "a wildlife corridor" with walking and bridle paths.

The center was organized after a recommendation of the National Audubon Society, following surveys with Mr. Thomas Franklin as project manager and Bob Maestro of Belts Environmental Engineering and Al Geis of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service as research consultants. Studies included bird population survey, a mammal study and the establishment of a bird banding station.

The researchers will assist developers in planning open space and understanding the relationship of urban development and its effects on wildlife.

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In conclusion, Glenelg Manor Farm is significant to Howard County historically, architecturally and in the field of conservation and should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is already placed in the State Critical Areas Program as a part of the Urban Wildlife Research Center.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mr. Dale Maisel, April 30, 1978  
Howard County Land Records

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 533.40 Acres

Please see attachment 1, Tax Maps 22 & 28

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 347, folio 458

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

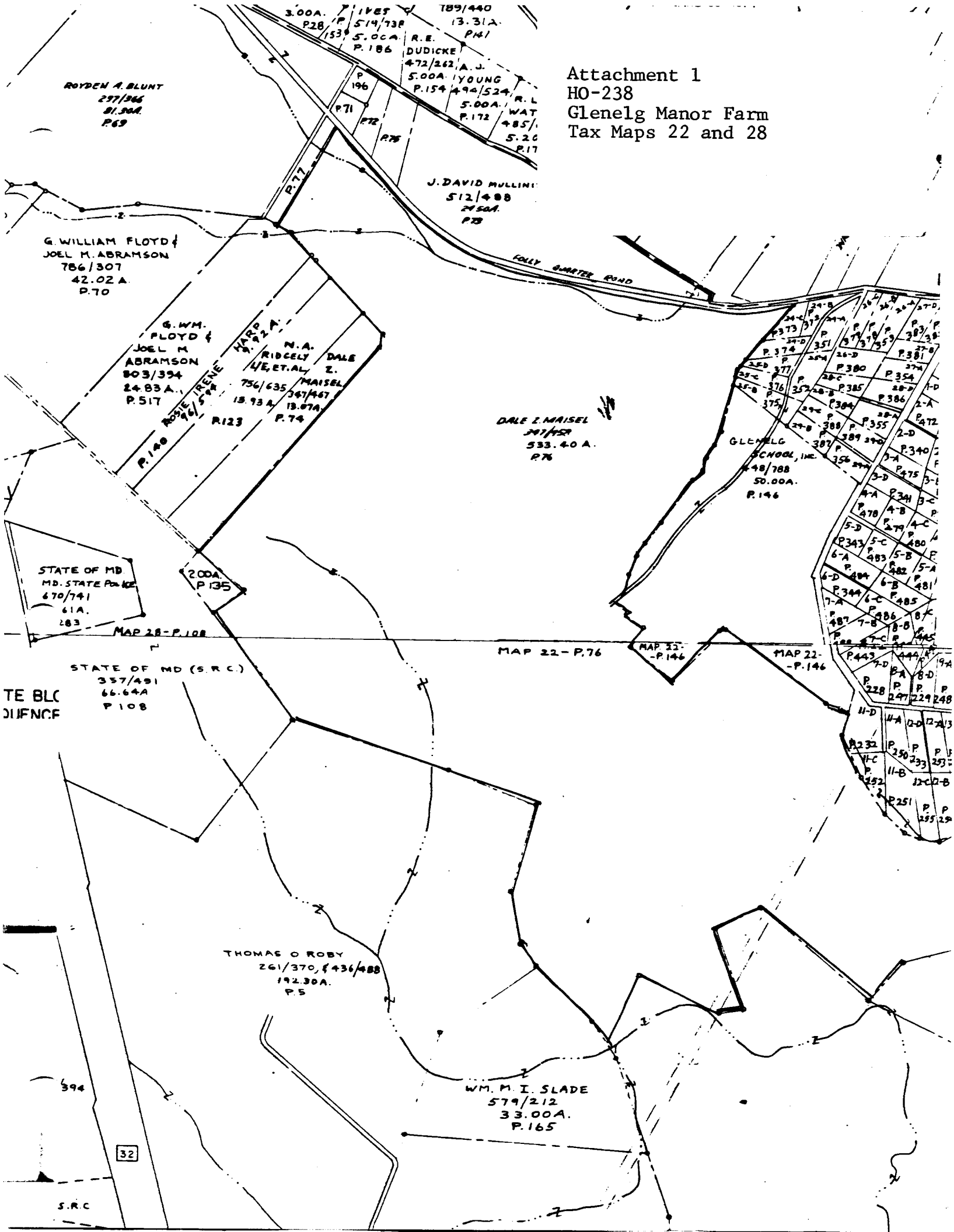
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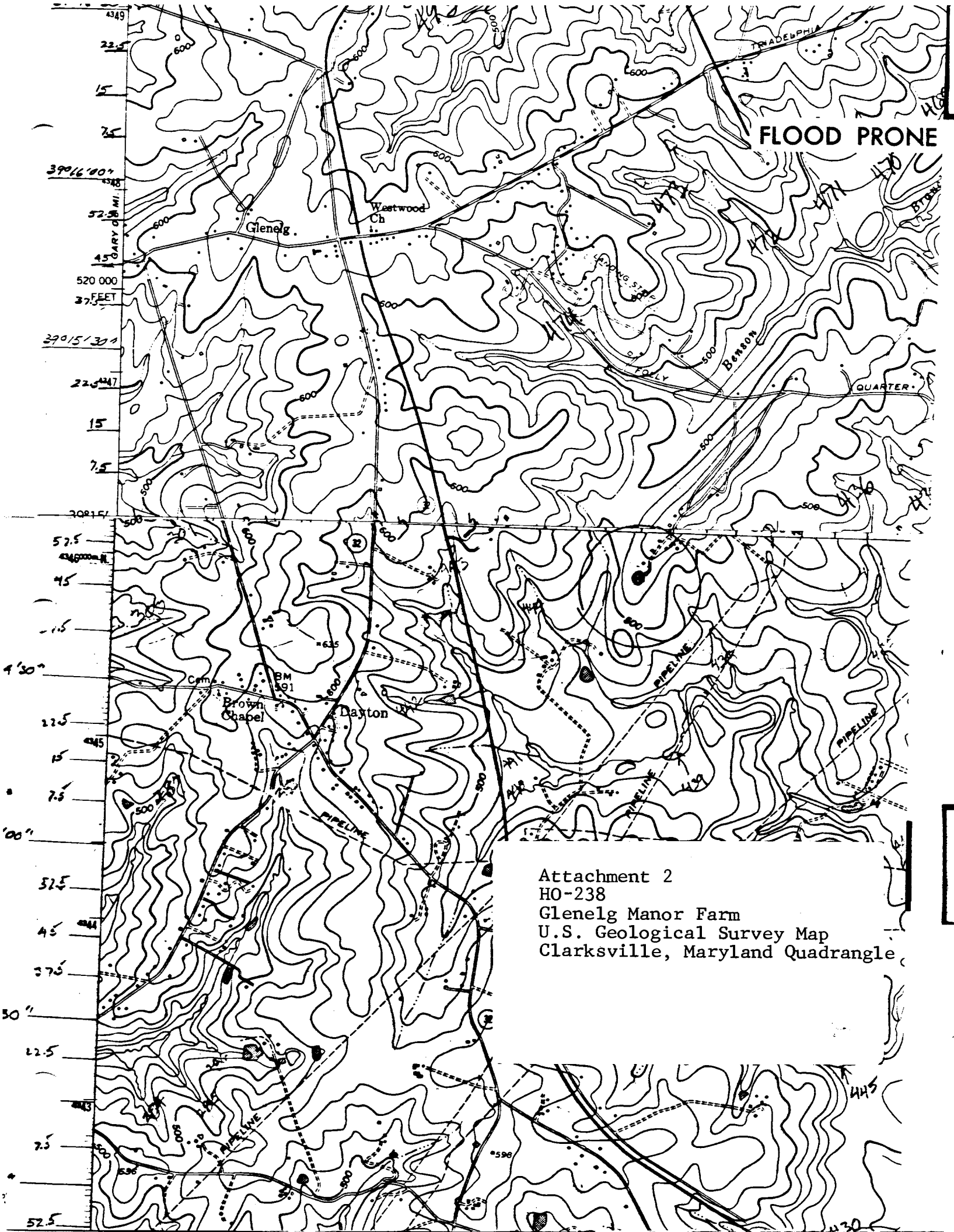
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## Tax Maps 22 and 28











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DALE MAISSEL'S HOUSE

CEORA THOMPSON, AIP

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